(c) The top 10 items exported from SSI sector in terms of value are Readymade Garments, Processed Food, Engineering Goods, Finished Leather and Leather Products, Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetic Products, Cashew Kernel and Cashew Nut Shell Liquid, Woollen Garments and Knitwear, Spices, Marine Products and Plastic Products.

Restructuring of Khadi Commission

† 3396. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRIKAPILSIBAL:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the job of obtaining the suggestions for restructuring of Khadi Commission had been entrusted to a foreign company;

(b) if so, what was the name of that company alongwith the amount paid as renumeration to it for the said job;

(c) whether the company has since submitted its suggestions to the Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details of those suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) A restructuring study has been assigned to M/s Arther Andersen India (Pvt.) Limited for a fee of Rs. 45 lakhs. The Consultants are expected to submit their recommendations by the end of October, 2000.

Assistance to Rural Industries in TN

3397. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any initiative has been taken by the Ministry to set up institutions to provide total assistance to the rural industries of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. However, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is providing assistance to rural industries in the entire country including the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation Status in SSI Textile Sector

3398. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withdraw the reservation status hitherto being extended to Small Scale Industries in textile sector and allow the big producers including Multinationals;

(b) if so, whether the views of the Small Scale industries were sought and the response thereto; and

(c) what is the likely impact on the Small Scale producers and employment in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amount Sanctioned under PMRY for Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

3399. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by Government during the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 under PM's Rojgar Yojana for Delhi and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of amount spent under the scheme in the above States during this period, district- wise;

(c) whether Government have set up any monitoring cell to check the fund and for proper implementation of the scheme in these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and